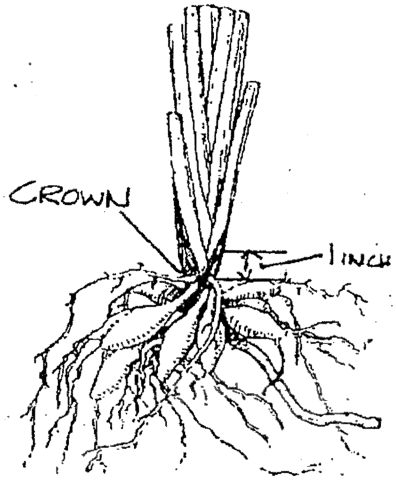
TRANQUIL LAKE
NURSERY, INC.

Caring for Your Daylilies. The daylilies you have just purchased from us will give you years of pleasure if you give them a good start and minimal after care. Until you can plant them, keep them in a cool place. **Do not sprinkle water on their roots.** Daylilies have fleshy roots that develop mold and mildew easily if they are kept damp. Wait until you are getting ready to plant you daylilies, then soak their roots in a bucket of COLD water for one to four hours before putting them into the ground.

Amend the soil where you are planting your daylilies with organic matter--compost, peat moss, leaf mold, dehydrated cow manure, stable sweepings, etc. Work in lime at the rate of a small handful for each daylily. Unless your soil is very slow to drain, you need prepare the soil only to the depth of a spade.

Daylilies should be planted with the crown one inch below the surface of the soil. Given a choice, plant too shallowly rather than too deeply. Daylilies have contractile roots and can pull themselves down to the right depth. After planting, add up to two inches of organic mulch, such as pine bark, around your daylilies. The organic mulch will help to moderate fluctuations in soil temperature and moisture and to control weeds. The mulch will also be slowly incorporated into the soil by earthworms and soil microbes.



The outer leaves of each daylily fan are going to yellow and die. This is a function of transplant shock, NOT LACK OF WATER. Water your daylilies well when you plant them and no more than three times a week after that, In two to four weeks you should see new green leaves appearing from the inside of the fans. This tells you that your plants are growing in their new home.

For the first winter your plants are in place, we suggest you leave the foliage on the plants to give the crowns a little extra protection from the winter weather. The daylilies we sell are all perfectly hardy In this region, but any plant benefits from a little extra protection the first winter it is in the ground. Rake off the dead leaves when you do your spring garden clean up.

If you were hoping for flowers on your plants and they do not have any, please be aware that all our workers are told to dig the BEST plant available. Sometimes that plant will have flowers. Other times, the plant with the strongest fans and the best root system will not have blooms. Our field workers want you to go home with a plant that will perform well in your garden. That performance depends on the size of the roots and the fans. Please trust them to use their judgment to dig the plant that will do best for you.

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